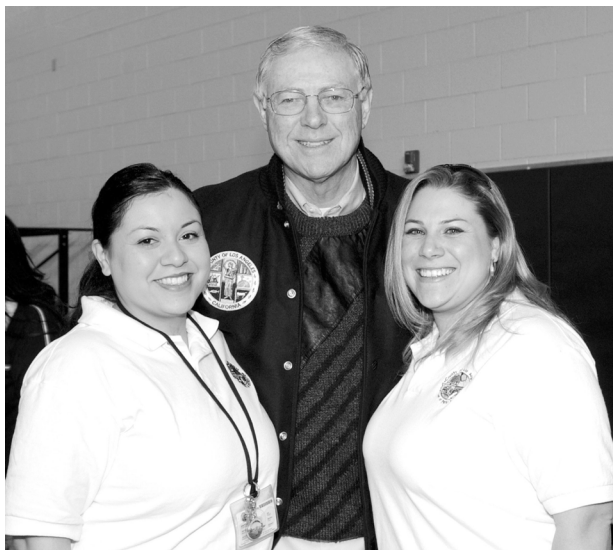


Mayor Antonovich Supports Recruiting Efforts at Sheriff's Job Fair in Antelope Valley

Mayor Michael D. Antonovich was joined by Sheriff Lee Baca, Lancaster Mayor Frank Roberts, and Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford at a job fair held at Jackie Robinson Park in Littlerock to encourage Antelope Valley residents to become members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.



Mayor Antonovich greets members of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

"Sheriff Baca and I have a common goal to hire 1,000 new Sheriff's deputies," Mayor Antonovich said. "We need more deputies here in the Antelope Valley to serve side by side with Los Angeles County's finest in the largest law enforcement agency in the world to strengthen public safety and make our community a better place to live for families."

Representatives from each of the Sheriff's department divisions were present at the event to answer the nearly 150 attendees' questions about law enforcement careers and the benefits of working for the Sheriff in sworn and non-sworn positions. As Deputy Sheriffs, citizens can have the opportunity to embark upon a rewarding career and become part of a family of law enforcement. In addition to deputies, nearly 20 civilian positions were available, including nurses and maintenance workers.

Employee of the Month: Valerie A. Kane

"My job is to supervise high risk gang members who are placed on probation and allowed to remain in the community," Valerie A. Kane, recipient of the January 2006 Employee of the Month said. She received recognition from Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor of the Board, as well as accolades from Paul Higa, Chief Probation Officer, in the presence of her supervisor and colleagues.

Because of her integrity, honesty and trustworthiness, she is a highly regarded individual by the staff and management of the Probation Department, the courts and law enforcement agencies. Her tireless work with such agencies has distinguished her as a key liaison for

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EVENT CALENDAR

Please join Mayor Michael D. Antonovich at his 9th annual event "Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families Past, Present and Future"

Saturday, May 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Arcadia County Park, 405 S. Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia 91006

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301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia 91007

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5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 90036

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February 24 through April 16 – *LACMA at 40: Gifts in Honor of the Museum's Anniversary*

March 12 through June 11 – *Ettore Sottsass, Designer*

March 13 – *Transforming LACMA*

March 23 through June 4 – *Contemporary Projects*
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Ahmanson Theatre

Through March 5 – Oscar Wilde's *"The Importance of Being Earnest"*

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

March 25 through April 15 – Mozart's *"Le Nozze di Figaro"*

Mark Taper Forum

February 27 – Lynn Redgrave's *"Nightingale"*

February 12 through March 19 – Anton Chekhov's *"The Cherry Orchard"*

April 9 through May 21 – Joshua Sobol's *"iWitness"*

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DPSS Implements the Restaurant Meals Program

On July 25, 2005, the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) implemented a new Restaurant Meals Program, which allows homeless, disabled and elderly (age 60 and over) Food Stamp households to use their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card to purchase prepared meals at participating restaurants. This program provides access to prepared hot meals for homeless participants who do not have refrigerators or stoves, and elderly or disabled participants, who may have difficulty preparing meals for themselves.

Currently, there are 93 restaurants throughout the County, which have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DPSS, and have been certified by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to participate in this program.

DPSS actively recruited the participation of restaurant owners in this program through a series of presentations and meetings held during the months of October and November 2005. As a result, 85 additional MOUs from a variety of restaurants throughout the County of Los Angeles have been signed. These restaurants will be added to the program immediately once the Food and Nutrition Service certification is completed.

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Supervisor Burke Declares Year of Prevention for Women's Health

Supervisor Burke joined Supervisor Gloria Molina at the January 17 Board of Supervisors meeting in declaring 2006 "Women's Health: The Year of Prevention" in the County of Los Angeles. The campaign is being mounted by the Office of Women's Health with the mission to begin preventive measures against such chronic women's health problems as heart disease, diabetes and cancer. Supervisor Burke noted that these diseases account for 86% of the total disease burden on women of all ages, and that the huge impact on female patients and their families is magnified when the victims are low-income women of color.

"Often these patients lack insurance, and have income, language, cultural and other issues that are obstacles to accessing the health care system," said Supervisor Burke. "The costs of diagnosing and treating these illnesses are considerable, and very little is being spent on prevention efforts. We must change this."

The Office of Women's Health was established in 1998, following the Board of Supervisor's approval of a joint motion by Supervisors Burke and Molina. Its mission is to improve the health status of women in the County by serving as the focal point for strategic planning, promoting comprehensive and effective approaches to improving women's health, and promoting the expansion of funding for research activities. Programs run by the office include a *Prevention Matters! Campaign*, focusing on heart disease, the number one killer of women; the Cervical Cancer Prevention & Education Initiative; the Breast & Cervical Cancer Treatment Program, and the Women's Health Mobile Outreach Program.

A major problem for County health care providers is that health care costs continue to rise at an alarming rate. The Office of Women's Health is targeting strategies for prevention as a way to successfully address the delivery of health care to County residents.

The declaration for "Women's Health: The Year of Prevention" was accepted by Ellen Eidem, Acting Director of the Office of Women's Health in the Department of Health Services.



Supervisors Burke and Molina declare 2006 as "Year of Prevention for Women's Health." Receiving the scroll on behalf of the Los Angeles County Office of Women's Health is Acting Director Ellen Eidem.

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Kirk Douglas Theater

601 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles 90012
March 12 through April 9 – "The Stones"

Walt Disney Concert Hall

151 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 90012

February 23 through 25 – "Mozart Requiem"
March 2 through 4 – "Mahler Ninth"
March 7 – Chamber: "Martin Chalifour and Friends"
March 8 – "Le Mystere des Voix Bulgares – Monica Salmaso"
March 10 – "Mahler's Fifth"
March 11 – "Juilliard Orchestra" 2 p.m.
March 11 and 12 – "Mahler's Fifth Symphony"
March 13 – "Keith Jarrett"
March 15 – "Murray Perahia in Recital"
March 16 and 17 – "Argerich Plays Beethoven"

RETIREES

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 30 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:

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PROBATION: Sandra E. Campbell, Alex Ford, Ivan P. Kornoff, Karma J. Leeds, Beatrice Owens, Barbara S. Phillips, Billy Pope, Audrey S. Teate

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the department. Early in her career, she earned an overall excellence in *Writing Skills Achievement Award* after completing a mandatory training course. She also worked for a year on an Automated Minimum Services Caseload with first time drug and domestic violence offenders.

Kane, a 15-year employee of the County of Los Angeles, is currently a Deputy Probation Officer II assigned to the Gang Unit in the Long Beach office of the Probation Department. Among her many duties and responsibilities are the enforcing of court ordered conditions of probation and the reporting of any violations of probation to the court in an expeditious manner; conducting home calls to verify whether probationers actually live at the address they provide and performing compliance checks to ensure that probationers are not in violation of their conditions of probation.

Assisting the Policy Initiative and Adult Systems User Committees, the Carmelitos Housing Project Task Force, as well as several law enforcement organizations, Kane has helped to positively impact policy procedures with her innovative work.

"I consider the assistance I have provided police agencies in helping them in their investigations very fulfilling," she said. "I enjoy the interaction with the courts and the interface with probationers."

Kane has volunteered to provide training to law enforcement staff at California State University, Long Beach and the Long Beach Police Academy, has served as the Office Coordinator for the Probation Adult Alternative Work Service Program and has assisted the Reserve Deputy Probation Officer Program. In spite of her many involvements, she also finds time to volunteer at an AIDS hospice.

"I am always excited to be involved with probation work," Kane added. "The Long Beach Crime Reduction Project, which is now incorporated into the Gang Unit, is near and dear to my heart. I worked very closely with the Long Beach Police Department in a joint effort to supervise high-risk offenders in the Long Beach area."

Serving as a role model for newer Deputy Probation Officers, and a consistent willingness to lend a hand have allowed her to forge many friendships within the Probation Department

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky Honors Gordon Davidson



Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky welcomed Judy and Gordon Davidson to the Board of Supervisors to honor Mr. Davidson's outstanding 38-year tenure as Founding Director of the Center Theatre Group at the County of Los Angeles Music Center. Davidson stepped down last fall after nearly four decades of groundbreaking stage productions including "The Devils," "Trial of the Catonsville Nine," "Children of a Lesser God," "Angels in America" and many others. In his remarks, Supervisor Yaroslavsky declared, "I don't think Gordon has any peers in this country, maybe beyond the shores of this country, when it comes to the body of work that he's been responsible for fostering...often taking huge artistic risks and political risks, touching on subjects that were sensitive politically, culturally, sexually orientation-wise, but in so doing has helped to educate the artistic community and the general public at large."

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Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 25 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:

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FIRE: Fredrick C. Johnson, Dennis D. King, Gary R. Telfer, Jack M. Turek

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Department of Public Works Wins Awards for Online Services

The Department of Public Works continues to win awards for making information and services easily accessible to residents and businesses on the LADPW.org Web site.

Record-breaking storms in early 2005 closed an unprecedented number of roads around the County, prompting the quick creation of a Road Closures Web site. The site keeps motorists up to date on which roads were closed and why, and when they were expected to be reopened. Complete with maps, pictures of damage and repair progress, and links to other agencies of interest, the site proved popular and effective in providing timely information.

The road closures Web site (ladpw.org/mpm/roadclosure) received the following awards:

- 2005 Honorable Mention by the Center for Digital Government's Best of the Web Achievement Awards, Government to Citizen Category
- 2005 American Public Works Association Project of the Year
- 2005 American Society of Civil Engineers Technical Achievement Award
- 2005 County Productivity and Quality Award



When record-setting rain storms forced the emergency closure of hundreds of County roads last winter, the Public Works Road Closure Web site provided regular updates on road closure information, images of road damage, and estimated reopening dates. Shown here are before-and-after images of Bouquet Canyon Road just below the Bouquet Reservoir.

Public Works also recently launched a Business Services Online site, which has made it easier for businesses to find and use Public Works services. The site offers all businesses a simple, easy-to-use resource that features many of Public Works' online services. Businesses can register to sell goods and services to the County, bid on contract work, monitor invoice payment status, and apply for and track permits. Other resources include exchanging surplus materials instead of sending them to a landfill, smart business recycling, hazardous waste and solid waste disposal, and other environmental resources available on 888CleanLA.com.

The Business Services Online Web site (ladpw.org/prg/business) received the American Public Works Association (APWA) Public Works Week Award for the Business Services PowerPoint Presentation (ladpw.org/go/bsp), a user-timed presentation that highlights the various online services available on the Web site.

Pedestrians and motorists benefit from the Traffic Site, which presents information pertaining to the Pedestrian Safety Program, Suggested Route to School Program, Neighborhood Traffic Management, Intelligent Transportation Systems Projects, Traffic Signal Synchronization Program, and the Automated Photo Red Light Enforcement Program.

The Traffic Web site (ladpw.org/Traffic) received a 2005 Productivity and Quality Award, and the Suggested Routes to Schools Web site received an APWA Project of the Year Award.

An earlier addition to LADPW.org continues to be popular: the Interactive Customer Inquiry System. Any visitor to the Web site can make a comment or ask a question. If a similar question is already in the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) database, the visitor will be presented with the ready answer. Otherwise, the question will be directed to the appropriate division. Inquiries for assistance outside our service areas are directed to the appropriate city utilizing Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

The Interactive Customer Inquiry System (ladpw.org/General/FAQ) won a third award last year: 2005 National Association of Counties Achievement Award (for the GIS enhancements).

These improvements to the LADPW.org Web site are the result of Public Works' commitment to using technology to be accessible, open, responsive, and efficient.

For more information, log onto www.ladpw.org.



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- **Respect for diversity** - we value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- **Responsiveness** - we take the action needed in a timely manner.

Our ***position*** as the premier organization for those working in the public interest is established by:

- a capability to undertake programs that have public value;
- an aspiration to be recognized through our achievements as the model for civic innovation; and a pledge to always work to earn the public trust.

Mayor Antonovich Applauds Continued Success of D.I.S.A.R.M. Program on the 6th Anniversary of Implementation

In its sixth year of existence, the D.I.S.A.R.M. (Developing Increased Safety through Arms Reduction Management) program continues to remove dangerous weapons from the streets of the County of Los Angeles.

“D.I.S.A.R.M. is an excellent example of successful coordination of law enforcement agencies – the Sheriff’s Department, the Probation Department, and the Los Angeles Police Department,” Mayor Michael D. Antonovich said.

There are more than 19,000 adults and over 10,000 juveniles in the County of Los Angeles who are prohibited from possessing firearms and subject to searches without a warrant by law enforcement as a condition of probation. The D.I.S.A.R.M. program entails pairing Deputy Probation Officers with local law enforcement personnel to perform unannounced searches of probationers and their homes, as a condition of probation, and targets the confiscation of guns, drugs, and other contraband.

The program was initiated by Supervisor Antonovich following the tragic August 1999 shootings at the North Valley Jewish Community Center and the murder of a postal worker by Buford Furrow, an armed felon on probation from Washington State.

Since its implementation in February of 2000, the D.I.S.A.R.M. program has seized 2,265 weapons and more than \$10.2 million in illegal drugs and drug money, and has resulted in 4,506 arrests. This program has also experienced success in warrant enforcement, apprehending 61% of warrants sought.



Mayor Antonovich and Chief Sam Jones of the Sheriff’s Department present examples of guns that have been removed from County streets through the D.I.S.A.R.M. program.

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An informational flyer introducing the Restaurant Meals Program and a listing of participating restaurants was recently mailed to current elderly and disabled Food Stamp participants. Homeless participants will receive this flyer and restaurant listing in DPSS District Offices. DPSS will continue to update lists of participating restaurants, which will be distributed to eligible participants on an ongoing basis by mail, at DPSS District Offices, and through Community Partners and Advocates. More information about this program can be obtained through DPSS’ Central Help Line Section at (877) 481-1044 or Restaurant Meals Program Staff at (562) 908-6092 or (562) 908-6860.

Supervisor Knabe Honors the Tree Musketeers Organization for Donating Books to County Libraries

Supervisor Don Knabe presented a scroll to the Tree Musketeers Organization to recognize their charitable donation of the book, *Marcie – The Marvelous Tree*, in both English and Spanish to all Public Libraries in the County of Los Angeles.

Founded in 1987 in El Segundo, Tree Musketeers is the nation's first youth environmental organization. This non-profit charitable organization inspires and empowers young people to become active participants in the environmental and social concerns of their communities. Over a million trees have been planted by the Tree Musketeers in the last seven years alone.

Marcie – The Marvelous Tree is an educational and touching autobiography of a skinny, root-bound sycamore tree planted on May 9, 1987, by 13 Brownie Girl Scouts. It was this historic tree that inspired these 13 Brownies to go on and establish the Tree Musketeers almost 20 years ago. *Marcie* seeks to illustrate just how much power and influence children can have in changing the world.



Accepting the scroll from Supervisor Knabe are representatives from the Tree Musketeers Organization Gail Church and Adam Miranda.

“I would like to say thank you to the Tree Musketeers for their very generous gift of books to the County’s library system,” Supervisor Knabe said. “We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of young citizens in the County of Los Angeles that have so much passion for their environment. Keep up the good work.”

Joining Supervisor Knabe during the scroll presentation was 12 year old Adam Miranda, a member of the Tree Musketeer’s Youth Management Team, and Gail Church, their Executive Director.

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and the Long Beach Police Academy. She is privileged to be working closely with her colleagues Timothy Kendrick and Chris Coseglia.

Kane has earned a Ph.D. in Clinical/Forensic Psychology and has received extensive training from the California Gang Investigators Association and the California Narcotics Association. She has also attended several Probation and Law Enforcement workshops.

Congratulations on a well-deserved honor and continued success in making our communities safe!



One Year Anniversary of the Passing of K9 “Jet”



Team and served the County and numerous neighboring counties with dedication and commitment for six memorable years. Jet’s main job was to detect the presence or absence of flammable liquids and/or other compounds during fire investigations. As a specially trained arson K9, Jet’s nose for accelerants assisted with over 400 investigations, resulting in numerous arson convictions over the course of his service.

Jet also served his community by providing many canine demonstrations with his partner, always wowing spectators with his amazing abilities. While he didn’t receive a penny for his service, he never complained about working conditions, lack of time-off, or his benefits package. He was content to work for the pure joy of the job, a little praise from his partner, and a bright yellow tennis ball.

His tenure as a member of the Los Angeles County Fire Department was marked by constant vigilance and he wore his badge with pride. Whenever he was called upon to serve the citizens of the County of Los Angeles, he jumped to his feet – all four of them.

On February 19, 2005, the Prevention Division’s Arson Investigation Unit lost an exceptional member when K9 Jet, a black Labrador Retriever, died. He was a key member of the Canine Accelerant Team and has been greatly missed over this past year.

At the young age of two, Jet, under the direction of his handler and partner, Fire Captain Jim Shandrick, began his service career in 1995 with the City of El Monte Fire Department. In March 1998, he became a County Fire arson dog when the city’s fire department was annexed into the County. Shandrick and Jet became the first Fire Department K9 Arson



Supervisor Molina Hosts Inaugural First District Artist Showcase

Supervisor Gloria Molina launched the Inaugural First District Artist Showcase at a holiday reception on December 22 at the Hall of Administration featuring the extraordinary “Urban Images” collection by Boyle Heights artist Diego Cardoso. More than 200 attendees enjoyed the festivities where ten oil paintings by Cardoso were on display.

“Many of us are familiar with the works of renowned artists throughout the world but are unaware of the amazing art produced by our very own local artists right here in our corner of the globe,” Supervisor Molina said. “The purpose of the First District Artist Showcase is to bring more exposure to the work of our many up-and-coming artists as well as the masters from our local communities who are pioneers in their field.”



Most of the colorful works by Cardoso that were on display at the reception depicted Boyle Heights and the surrounding areas. In most of them, the streets themselves were the most lively part of the painting—an influence which most likely stems from Cardoso’s full-time occupation as an urban planner at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA).

“My work, similar to that of many local urban artists, depicts the nature of the community’s landscape and richness,” Cardoso explained.

Supervisor Molina intends for the works displayed in the Artist Showcase to also be featured at special exhibits throughout Los Angeles County parks, libraries, and other facilities.

“It is extremely difficult to break ground into major art gallery venues because there are so many artists throughout the world competing for space,” Cardoso said. “Supervisor Molina’s Artist Showcase gives us another vehicle to expose our work and hopefully be recognized by major galleries and collectors.”

The First District Artist Showcase will be managed by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission. Artists interested in being considered for the 2006 First District Artist Showcase should contact Supervisor Molina’s office via telephone at (213) 974-4111 or e-mail at molina@lacbos.org.

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The County of Los Angeles Public Library is larger than its 84 buildings and 4 bookmobiles. The Library offers a virtual library online. New products and services are continually being added to the Library's Web site to meet the needs of the growing number of library customers who visit the library through their computers.

The most popular online service is access to the Library's catalog of over seven million items. Customers can browse the catalog or, use their library card and PIN, to place a hold on items, order materials delivered to specific libraries, and check their personal accounts.

A wide range of online databases offers articles to read and print. Magazine and journal resources cover subjects relating to business, health, parenting, genealogy, auto repair, and more, including a section of Spanish language articles. Users will find full text newspaper articles from the *Los Angeles Times*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Wall Street Journal*, among others.

Additional online resources include the following;

- A calendar of events that lists programs scheduled at the community libraries operated by the County Library.
- An audio book collection is available through NetLibrary to download to home PCs.
- Learning Express offers skill building and test preparation materials that enable customers to take practice school and career exams (SAT, GED, Postal Worker, etc.) and get results quickly online.
- Through Live Reference, customers can ask librarians questions and get answers in real time via the Internet. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Students can get help with their homework online, from any location, with Live Homework Help. Using their County library card, students in grades 4-12 can log onto Live Homework Help through the County Library Web site to work with a tutor in English, Math, Social Studies, or Science. This free program is available everyday and is also available in Spanish.

The County Library's Web site is the door to a library without walls. A County library card is needed to use the full range of services available. Library cards are available free of charge at all of the County of Los Angeles Public Library's 84 community libraries. Check the Library Web site at www.colapublib.org for library locations.



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